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REMARKS

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1. On 10 September 1954, the soldiers of the artillery brigade stationed in Olympisches Dorf (2067) near Doeberitz appeared to be in high spirits. They stated that, according to an order by Marshal Buganin, soldiers over 23 years old were to be discharged in October. In the morning on 15 September, approximately 1,600 soldiers of the brigade assembled in the installation. They wore dress uniforms and the majority was armed with semiautomatic rifles. Each of the three regiments carried a flag. After a speech by a general, the troops marched in review. Approximately 175 officers participated. 1

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2. At 1700 on 16 September, the following soldiers and materiel from the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) near Doeberitz were entrained at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station: 6 T-34/85 tanks including SU-100 gun 5 repair shop trucks, 1 field kitchen and 5 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. An officer loading detail arrived at the station on 17 September.

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the train left toward the west. At 1700 on 17 September, the following troops and materiel, probably from the Adler Kaserne (2063) in Doeberitz were entrained at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station: 4 JS-3 tanks including T-34/85 tanks trucks, 1 field kitchen, and 6 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A loading detail arrived at the station on motor vehicle

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3. At 0600 on 17 September, a shipment of 11 tanks, 8 trucks and 3 boxcars with personnel passed through the Loewenborg railroad station and proceeded toward Gransee. 2

4. On 14 September, the Tauentzien Kaserne (5584) in Stendal was about 33 percent occupied by approximately 400 soldiers. All soldiers observed wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Motor vehicles entered the installation.

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5. On 16 September, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5581) in Stendal was occupied to capacity by approximately 1,500 soldiers. Sentries seen wore black-bordered red epaulets. A total of approximately 100 soldiers, organized in several groups, engaged in infantry and telephone training and training with rifle targets in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. Two Kniferest-type radar sets were located on a hill about 150 meters west of the installation. 3

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6. On 18 September, the Moltke Kaserne (5443) in Schwerin was occupied by approximately 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the soldiers also wore tank insignia. At 1730, 6 T-34 tanks including [redacted] 2 SU-100 guns and 2 trucks with 40 soldiers entered the installation from the direction of the Schwerin freight station. 4

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7. On 17 September, the Fritsch Kaserne (5544) in Schwerin was occupied by approximately 700 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The unit with the blue-bordered black epaulets was provided with radio trucks and with telephone and radio equipment. At 2030, 6 x 85-mm AA guns and approximately 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the installation from the direction of Wismar. The light AA guns previously observed in the installation were no longer seen.

8. On 17 September, the Krueger Kaserne (5542) in Schwerin was occupied by approximately 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Aiming with 7 x 122-mm field howitzers was practiced in the barracks yard. At 0930 on 18 September, 12 x 100-mm AT guns towed by YA-12 prime movers entered the installation from the direction of Sternbuchholz. 5

9. The rocket launcher unit previously stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne (5545) in Schwerin has not been observed there for about 3 months. During this period and up to 16 September, the installation was occupied by a rear detail of approximately 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. 6

1. [redacted] Comment. The order possibly referred to the discharge of the 1931 class, which was inducted in 1951 and, therefore, is due for discharge. According to Order No 80, dated 5 September 1953, by Marshal Bulganin, Defense Minister of the USSR, the bulk of the 1932 class, which was also inducted in 1951, was also to be discharged this fall. The information fails to furnish indications for the discharge of this class.

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2. [redacted] Comment. According to barracks installations [redacted] tank details of the 1st Mecz Div

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[redacted] According to paragraph 3, the tank details probably transferred to the Meustrelitz area, where they also conducted tank firing practices in mid-August. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. It is assumed that after the exercises of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div in the Tangerhuetten-Bittkau area in mid-August elements of the division transferred to their winter quarters. Similar observations were made at the 19th Gds Mecz Div in Magdeburg. The unidentified Sig Bn and the 594th Mtz Rifle Regt are believed to be stationed in the Taubentzen Kaserne and Hindenburg Kaserne respectively.

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5. [ ] Comment. Prior to 17 September, the units of the 940th AAA Bn and the 159th Gds Sig Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were stationed in the Fritsch Kaserne as previously. Light units of the AAA battalion were possibly still stationed at a firing range. [ ] All elements of the 4th Gds Arty Brig of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps are believed to have been stationed in the Krueger Kaserne on 18 September.

6. [ ] Comment. The various indications that units of the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps have been stationed in Priemowald near Guesstow since about July are confirmed by information in paragraph 9. [ ] Since, however, a detail of the regiment was still stationed in the old quarters in Schwerin in mid-September, it is assumed that the transfer was not permanent.

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